



COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

Health & Family Welfare Department

Government of Kerala

ADVISORY ON MAINTANENCE DAY FOR LABORATORIES

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The Laboratory services for COVID19 epidemic control are the essential prerequisites. The Department of Health and Family Welfare has developed a Lab network of 15 RTPCR, 5 EXPERTNAT and 18 TRUENAT Laboratories in Government set up with a plan of further expansion.

It is important that the Laboratories are following the quality standards and standard operation practices to ensure quality services. The laboratories are doing maintenance, calibration, fumigation etc, however in order to get it done in a systematic way the following guidelines are issued.

1. 1 day/ week to be earmarked as maintenance day. Annexure attached.
2. All the staff working in the Laboratories to be given one day off by rotation so that functioning of Laboratories is ensured at the same time rest to the staff is also given.
3. The Lab in-charge may plan maintenance activities including fumigation, space arrangements, machine calibration, clearance of any back log, pending data entry etc on this day.
4. Maintenance day must be fixed in all week and communications shall be sent to concerned DSO. DSO and Lab-in- charge must co-ordinate so that no samples will reach the Laboratories on maintenance day.
5. Priority samples such as emergency surgeries, death cases, pregnant ladies can be processed on maintenance day using CBNAAT/ TRUENAT machines.
6. Lab in-charge shall plan the activities in such a way that all laboratories shall function optimally.

Principal Secretary



Annexure

Laboratory	Maintenance day
Central university, Kasaragod, IUCBR Kottayam	Monday
GMC, Kozhikode, SCTIMST, Trivandrum	Tuesday
NIV, Alappuzha, GMC Kannur	Wednesday
GMC, Trivandrum, GMC Ernakulam, GMC, Palakkad	Thursday
MCC Kannur, GMC Kottayam	Friday
RGCB, Trivandrum, GMC Manjeri	Saturday
State PHL, Trivandrum, GMC, Thrissur	Sunday